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## In The Claims

Please cancel claims 26 and 41.

Please amend the following claims accordingly:

60. (Currently Amended) A method for reinforcing a wood support piling with a composite wrapping, said method comprising:

(A) selecting said wood support piling having a moisture content within a range of 15 to 20 percent;

- (B) placing said wood support piling on a filament winding apparatus;
- (C) applying a resin to a multiple-tow bundle of fibers by passing said multiple-tow bundle of fibers through an impregnator, said impregnator comprising a resin bath, rollers, and doctor blades;
  - (D) rotating said wood support piling;
- (E) winding said multiple-tow bundle of fibers about said wood support piling and applying tension to said multiple-tow bundle of fibers during said winding such that said tension becomes applies to said wood support piling, and maintaining said fibers under tension within a range of 30-120 pounds, said multiple-tow bundle of fibers being wound about said wood support piling at an angle within a range of 60-90 degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis of the wood support piling;
- (F) undertaking parts (C) to (E) above in a manner sufficient to form said composite wrapping of a filament-wound fiber-reinforced bonding agent;
- (G) allowing said resin to cure wherein said composite wrapping is bonded to said wood support piling with a mechanical bond;

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wherein the bundle of fibers comprises twelve tow strands;

wherein said wood piling is at least 10 feet long;

wherein said composite wrapping covers a portion of said wood support piling adapted to reside two feet below ground surface and four feet above ground surface when the wood support piling is installed in the ground;

wherein the curing of said composite wrapping causes said composite wrapping to shrink to thereby radially compress said wood support piling;

wherein said reinforced support piling has a second stiffness, said second stiffness being at least 35 percent greater than a first stiffness of said wood support piling without said composite wrapping;

wherein said composite wrapping forms a layer of substantially uniform thickness; and

wherein said composite wrapping is a single, seamless layer.

- 65. (Currently Amended) The method 61 wherein the multiple tow bundle of fibers comprises windings that form an angle within a range of 60-90 degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis of said wood pole.
- 66. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 65, wherein the angle formed by the windings of the multiple tow bundle of fibers is approximately 80 degrees.